up a State Human Rights Commission.

(e) and (f) The term "human rights" is already very broadly defined in Section 2 (d) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Government has no proposal to make any amendments in the definition of human rights.

Modernisation of BSF

1352. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise and strengthen the Border Security Force, particularly its water and air wings, to check smuggling of explosive and other materials assisting the terrorists and fundamentalist elements operating operating along the borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether better boats and aircrafts are likely to be provided to the Force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Modernisation and strengthening of the Border Security Force, including the Water and Air Wings, is a continuous and ongoing process.

(c) and (d) In the recent past BSF has been sanctioned 43 speed boats, 2 medium crafts, mechanised boats, 9 country boats, 61 engine-fitted country boats and 14 motor vehicles besides 423 additional posts under its expansion programme.

Scandal in the recruitment of Home Guards

1353. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news published in the Indian Express of 19th January, 1995 that a major scandal in the recruitment of Home Guards involving several senior officials has been unearthed; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether any enquiry has since been conducted into the affair;

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and who are the persons found involved in it and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to make the recruitment procedure transparent and objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir, Government are aware of the news item in question.

(b) and (c) Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that they had ordered an enquiry by the Director General of Home Guards on the basis of the newspaper report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 19 January, 1995. In his report, the Director General has stated that several incriminating documents were found in the car of a volunteer company commander, Shri Desh Bakht Kaushik, who was found murdered in his car on 25.12.94. These documents suggested that a number of persons were duped by the said volunteer officer who had issued blank sanad numbers to Home Guards volunteers. A total of 15 such persons gave statement that Shri Kaushik had charged money ranging from Rs. 6000|- to Rs. 14,000|- from them for the blank sanad numbers.

A District Staff Officer, against whom allegations of grave lapses had, prima-facie, come to notice in this connection, has been placed